

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 1~~ claim 61 wherein ~~each of the first and second oligomeric compounds comprises~~ the antisense oligonucleotide and the sense oligonucleotide each consist of from about 12 to about 30 nucleosides.

39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 1~~ claim 61 wherein ~~each of the first and second oligomeric compounds comprises~~ the antisense oligonucleotide and the sense oligonucleotide each consist of from about 19 to about 23 nucleosides.

41-60. (canceled)

61. (new) A composition comprising a duplex consisting of an antisense oligonucleotide and a sense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense and the sense oligonucleotides are complementary to each other and wherein:

the antisense oligonucleotide is complementary to a target nucleic acid;

each nucleoside of the antisense oligonucleotide comprises a 2'-fluoro modification;

and

each guanine of the natural sequence of the sense oligonucleotide is substituted with an inosine, and the sense oligonucleotide comprises at least one inosine.